

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas
for library youth services

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WELCOME

By Staci Shaw

March sort of came in like a lamb and went out like a lion; with the weather, with the legislative session, and with many new projects... but April showers bring May flowers, and we are really looking forward to all the spring events blooming in the coming weeks and the chance to start doing more in-person programs!

Week of the Young Child, April 2 - 8

[See what's happening around Idaho.](#)

Ramadan: April 3 – May 2

For the 30 days of Ramadan, Muslims will abstain from eating and drinking during daylight hours. Ramadan culminates with Eid al-Fitr, a three-day celebration that involves praying, visiting friends and relatives, remembering those who have passed, and giving children gifts. To respect our Muslim patrons and friends, here are some tips:

Greetings: You can say, "Ramadan Mubarek," which generally means, "Happy Ramadan."

See this [guide from CNN Travel](#) on some "do's" and "don'ts." (April 2, 2022)

Here is a blog from the New York Public Library, "[#OwnVoices Ramadan Books for Teens and Kids.](#)" (April 12, 2021)

[Celebrating Ramadan and Eid](#), from Colorín Colorado

If you plan to do a Ramadan program or display, incorporate the help of a Muslim patron, community member, or teacher to ensure your event is respectful and contains factual information. See this [article about how a New Jersey public library hosted a Ramadan event last week.](#) (April 2, 2022)

National Library Week: April 3 – 9

First sponsored in 1958, [National Library Week](#) is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to

celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Earth Day: April 22

[Resources from EarthDay.org](#)

[Resources from Project Learning Tree](#)

El día de los niños/El día de los libros: April 30

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Find resources on the [American Library Association's \(ALA\) website](#).

ICfL Staff Updates

Library Technology Consultant

Our former Library Technology (LT) Consultant, William Lamb, was promoted to E-Services Program Supervisor. The new LT Consultant is **Doug Baker**. Doug started at ICfL more than two years ago as the Web Developer, managing the [eBranch program](#) and assisting with the ICfL's other websites. Prior to that, Doug worked for eight years at the Ada Community Library in a variety of IT-related roles. In his new role as the LT Consultant, Doug will assist Idaho public libraries with the federal E-rate program, the state broadband reimbursement program (EOR), and provide general library technology consulting support.

Public Library Consultant

Clay Ritter has accepted the position of Public Library Consultant. Clay has been the Director at the Payette Public Library for the past four years, and prior to that, was the Director for five years at both the Richfield District Library and the Shoshone Public Library. With his experience as a director of both city and district libraries – and his enthusiasm for the [Idaho Public Library Statistics](#) – Clay will be a tremendous asset to Idaho public library directors, trustees, and staff in his new role. Clay's first day at the ICfL will be Monday, April 11.

LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Boise Public Library & #plantwildflowers Initiative



"Garden ecology, pollinator biodiversity, and the important role of native plant species are at the center of a "blossoming" nationwide movement to support ecosystem health in private gardens and public spaces alike. The Library! at Hillcrest, a neighborhood branch of Boise Public Library, was recently awarded one of 50 #PlantWildflowers initiative partnerships offered by Tangled Bank Studios and PBS Nature...the only organization awarded a partnership in Idaho.

To help promote community collaboration in support of our at-risk pollinators, the Library! at Hillcrest is hosting four events as part of this partnership (listed below). At each event, there will be guest specialists, activities, giveaways, and maybe a special visitor. “Bee the change” and please join us!

Also, during the month of June, the Library! at Hillcrest will be responsibly raising 4-6 Monarch butterflies in our live Monarch Habitat to help with education and awareness. Visit and witness firsthand the complete life cycle, from the tiny newly hatched caterpillar to a milkweed-munching fatty caterpillar, to chrysalis, and finally to our Idaho state insect, a beautiful Monarch butterfly! The adult butterflies will be released within 24 hours of emergence, which is likely to happen toward the end of June, but please call 208-972-8340 for their status.” – Arlene Hortin, Boise Public Library at Hillcrest



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- April 14: Idaho Native Pollinator Gardening - with Boise Parks & Recreation, the Treasure Valley Pollinator Project, and the North End Organic Nursery
- May 20: World Bee Day Event - with Boise Parks & Recreation
- June 15: All About Monarchs! - with Boise Parks & Recreation
- April 29 – May 2: City Nature Challenge - with Boise Parks & Recreation, Boise joins 419 cities across the U.S. for this epoch event. See www.citynaturechallenge.org.

Learn more about [#plantwildflower initiative](#).

Learn more/view/share the new documentary [My Garden of a Thousand Bees](#).

Out and About

Some of the Idaho Commission for Libraries’ staff were able to finally get out and visit some libraries last week. Our friends at the **Middleton Public Library** and the **Weiser Public Library** treated us to a tour, some tasty treats, and some great conversations.



Middleton Public Library Left: Sculpture made of books and metal by local artist. Right: Director Lori Clark and Jennifer Redford in front of another sculpture by the same artist, made of metal and computer parts, that hangs over the computer station.

Interim Director **Lori Clark** and her crew have been busy at the **Middleton Library**. They recently lost the building space next to the library that they were using for various programming needs and are thinking of creative ideas to provide that extra space for teens and children's programs.



Right: Lori Clark talks about genrefying Middleton's children's picture book collection with Jennifer Redford, Staci Shaw, and Ismael Mendoza. Left: Lunch at the Weiser Candy Company in downtown Weiser (from left to right: Jennifer Redford, Weiser Library Director Timbra Long, Staci Shaw, Kristina Taylor, Ismael Mendoza).

The Weiser Public Library's new director, Timbra Long, has been at the library since the beginning of June. She has already incorporated many new programs and services and is looking forward to using her many talents to try even more new endeavors in the future.



Weiser Public Library *Right: Jennifer Redford and Ismael Mendoza looking at picture book display in children's area. Left: A rainbow of books display for April showers.*

TWEENS & TEENS

ION Regional Roundtables

The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) will be hosting regional roundtables in six locations throughout the state this spring. Library staff are invited to collaborate, learn, and represent their organization. The morning session will be focused on TMC Lab training, and the afternoon session will be focused on building connections & community support. For more information, dates, and registration: <https://idahooutofschool.org/2022-roundtables/>.

LITT: Teens – Getting Staff Buy-in

You may love working with teens, but what about the rest of your library's staff? Are teens welcomed in your library? Do you work with colleagues who struggle to serve teens in your community? Let's talk about it! Join the April LITT: Teens' chat to discuss how to get staff buy-in when it comes to teens in the library.

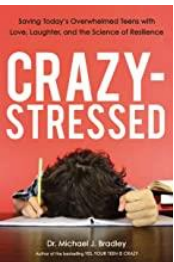
Date: Monday, April 25

Time: 2:00 p.m. MT / 1:00 p.m. PT

Where: [Zoom](#)

LITT stands for Libraries in Idaho Talking Trends. LITT chats offer library staff from around Idaho the chance to meet each other and share their experiences. This discussion will not be recorded.

BetheParents Book Club



The Office of Drug Policy is excited to present the BetheParents Book Club, the first in a series of events focused on supporting parents navigating parenting challenges in our modern age. Our first book, *Crazy Stressed – Saving Today's Overwhelmed Teens with Love, Laughter, and the Science of Resilience*, by Dr. Michael Bradley, focuses on the pre-teen and teen years and provides tools to discourage drug and alcohol experimentation by our youth. [Idaho residents can sign up early to receive a free copy](#) (while supplies last).

We encourage parents to spend the summer reading Dr. Bradley's book, submit questions, and then join us for a virtual meeting with the author, when he will answer questions submitted by book club members.

Dr. Bradley has noted that teens are experiencing unprecedented levels of stress related to anxiety, depression, drug abuse, and suicidal behaviors, levels of suffering that mimic those of veterans returning from deployments. Dr. Bradley is not only an experienced adolescent psychologist. He is also a father and a veteran of the U.S. Army. His compassion for parents and teens as they navigate today's unique struggles is evident in how he interacts with people.

[Learn More / Register](#)

Not a program of ICfL – please direct questions to Michal Lloyd at michal.lloyd@odp.idaho.gov.



KINDERGARTEN READY CORNER

Kindergarten Readiness in Your Community Outreach Workshops Re-Launched

The Youth Services Team at the ICfL is excited to announce the re-launch of our latest program to help libraries address gaps in kindergarten readiness in their communities. This new program is a series of [Kindergarten Readiness Outreach Workshops](#) aimed at supporting families with 4-year-old children. Each workshop focuses on a different research-based practice that supports early learning: singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing. The workshops are each 1 hour long and follow a “program in a box” model – libraries are supplied with a program plan that includes talking points to deliver to families, facilitated activities, and select supplies to support the workshop. Each family who attends a workshop will receive a school supply kit that includes the following:

- An ICfL-branded pencil pouch
- Plastic safety scissors
- Bottle of Glue
- 6-inch wooden ruler
- Washi tape
- Crayons
- [Vroom](#)™ early literacy tip cards

Libraries that are interested in hosting a workshop in their community can find out more details about this program and apply here: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/k-ready-outreach-workshops/>

Questions? Contact Jennifer Redford: jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov



News from Act Early Idaho



Revised Developmental Milestones

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) updated all “Learn the Signs, Act Early” (LTSAE) developmental milestone materials as of February 2022. The old LTSAE milestones and checklists can still be used while programs and early childhood providers transition to using the new materials with families. The old milestones can still help support developmental surveillance/monitoring by asking about a child’s developmental progress and eliciting parents’ concerns. New materials can be ordered on the [Act Early Idaho website](#) at no cost to libraries.

Family Ambassadors Wanted

Act Early Idaho (AEI) is seeking Family Ambassadors! Do you know of someone who may be interested?

Family Ambassadors will represent community efforts to help families know signs of typical development and to act early if they have concerns. They will be provided necessary training and resources along with a stipend.

Eligibility Criteria

- Family member of a child, birth to 5 years of age
- Family member of a child with a developmental delay or disability

Please share with families who come to your library who might be a good fit or consider applying yourself!

[Learn More/Apply](#)

Milestones Tracker App

Idaho hit a record for Milestone Tracker App launches in January, with 731 app launches! Thanks to community partners, such as libraries, for sharing information about the app with families and for utilizing it as a tool for parent-engaged developmental monitoring. To request more app flyers, [complete the AEI Resource Form](#) to order your free materials.

SCHOOL ZONE



April is National School Library Month

April is a busy month for celebrating libraries and among the observances is National School Library Month! To help celebrate, [AASL has awesome materials like bookmarks](#), PSA's, and graphics to download for free!

Celebrate yourself, your library, and all the important things you do for your students, parents, and teachers.

Young Readers Choice Awards: It's Time to Vote!



Participating in YRCA this year? All ballots for 2021-2022 must be received by April 15, and you can submit them at the [YRCA Voting portal for Idaho](#). While you're at it, check out the [exciting nominations for 2023](#)!

Not familiar with Young Readers Choice Awards? Founded in 1940, it is the oldest children's choice program in the country and the only international program, with children from Canada participating, too. Learn more at the [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) website!

Summer Summit Registration is Coming Up!

Summer Summit 2022 will be held July 20 & 21, 2022, both virtually and in person at the beautiful Lewiston City Library! It is a fundamentals conference and newer librarians are encouraged to attend this year, but it will have tons of content that is useful to librarians, whatever their experience.



Our keynote speaker will be author, national speaker, and Future Ready Librarian Spokesperson, **Shannon McClintock-Miller**! Also featured is **Dr. Stephen Krashen**, noted researcher on reading and the important role school libraries play in student achievement.

So, join us, especially if you live in north Idaho, for learning, conversation, and community in Lewiston.

The link to registration will sent via LibIdaho next week. If you aren't subscribed to LibIdaho, [subscribe here](#), or watch the ICfL's website and the School Libraries Facebook page for registration information. This conference fills fast, so be sure to watch for registration information!

April's Low Hanging Fruit

Five ways to celebrate National School Library Month and your school librarian!

[Continue Reading](#)

Nonfiction Book of the Month



I Am Smoke, by Henry Herz

[Continue Reading](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rural Child Hunger Summit

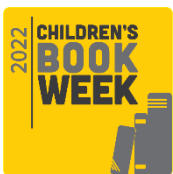
Wednesday, April 27 - Thursday, April 28, 2022

The free, virtual Rural Child Hunger Summit will highlight best practices to address rural child hunger and convene partners to collaborate on innovative solutions. Sessions will focus on unpacking the latest research, promising policy solutions, and the role of community-based organizations like libraries, along with schools and local leaders, as partners in the fight to end hunger in rural communities.



[Learn More / Register](#)

Children's Book Week: May 2 - 8



Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. The 2022 Children's Book Week will take place during two dedicated weeks of celebration, May 2-8 and November 7-13.

Learn about Children's Book Week; download free bookmarks, posters, and activities; and explore media tools and other resources:

[More Info](#)

SLJ's Day of Dialog: May 19

Registration is open for **School Library Journal's Day of Dialog**, a free online event taking place on May 19 and featuring author panels, keynote talks, and a virtual exhibit hall. Meet dozens of authors of books for children and teens. After the live broadcast, all sessions will be available for on-demand viewing within 24 hours, and the entire event will be accessible for three months after May 19.

[Register](#)

Idaho AEYC Professional Development Institute: Registration Open

**2022
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE**



The Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) is hosting its annual Professional Development Institute, **June 10 – 11, 2022** in Boise.

Cost: Regular registration is \$105. Idaho AEYC members: \$80.

They will be bringing together early educators from across the state to promote discussions related to current trends and to share information about best practices in the field of early care and education.

View the full [conference schedule here](#).

Register

CHECK IT OUT

Kids Can Learn More from Guided Play

From *The Hechinger Report*

"What happens when you stop teaching young children via direct instruction and instead set up purposeful opportunities to play? They could learn just as much -- or more -- when it comes to literacy, numeracy, and executive function skills critical to early academic success, according to a [new review of 17 studies](#) of play."

Learn More

Free Comic Book Day in May



Free Comic Book Day takes place annually on the first Saturday of May. It's an international event that celebrates comic books and the local comic shops that provide them to their communities. Visit a participating comic shop on Saturday, May 7 for free comics and fun!

To learn more, check out [the FAQ](#).

[Find a participating comic shop near you.](#)

COVID-19 and Libraries Survey

Kristin Fontichiaro, Clinical Professor at the University of Michigan School of Information, is studying **patterns in library staff behavior during the COVID-19 pandemic**. You are invited to take a 15-minute, anonymous survey about U.S. public librarianship during the pandemic. The research team's goal is to gain insight about moral decision-making and behaviors in public libraries as they have adapted since March 2020.

Survey participants must be over the age of 18 and working in a U.S. public library. The survey is open until April 19, 2022. [Take survey](#).

New Idaho Libraries & Laundromats Participants!



Last month, the ICfL opened its Libraries & Laundromats Interest Form and invited new libraries to apply to become a part of this project. This month, the ICfL is pleased to welcome the following libraries to the project, bringing our statewide total of laundromat literacy sites to 17:

Learning in everyday spaces

- Buhl Public Library
- Community Library Network – Rathdrum Branch
- Emmett Public Library
- Idaho Falls Public Library

Congrats to these libraries! Keep your library eyes peeled for future opportunities to join this exciting outreach project later in 2022 or reach out to us anytime to discuss! (Email [Kristina Taylor](#) or [Staci Shaw](#).)

[Learn More](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Idaho Community Foundation's *Forever Idaho Grant*

The Forever Idaho Grant Program is funded by donors to the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF). "This program distributes general operating grants with special consideration given to organizations working in one of ICF's Areas of Impact (Family Homelessness and Basic Needs, Mental and Physical Health, Educational Opportunities, and/or Access to Services). If awarded, funds may be used for any direct or indirect costs related to the organization's activities, including payroll, rent, utilities, supplies and equipment, project costs, capital improvements, and/or programmatic needs." (ICF website)

This grant is funded in each region of the state and utilizes rotating deadlines for the ICF regions from February to August. The **upcoming deadline of June 15** is for their Eastern region and includes organizations in: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power, and Teton counties.

The ICF has a history of funding library-related projects.

Learn more and read the [Grant Guidelines here](#).

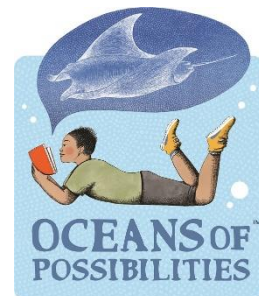
[Apply](#)

SUMMER READING NEWS

As you're gearing up for summer library programs...

Here are a few reminders:

- All public library staff in Idaho have access to the CSLP website, program manual, and resources through the membership paid for by the ICfL each year.
 - The **code** to access the online CSLP manual is on your USB tag and was included on a flyer with your manual package mailing. If you can't find that, please contact Staci Shaw.
 - There is a **social media toolkit** on the CSLP website, www.csllpreads.org.
 - If you are new and haven't signed up for a **username and password** on the CSLP site, please do that ASAP.
- Public libraries can order **Youth Explorer Passes** as prizes or for outreach, which are provided at no cost through a partnership with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. They do not expire, so if you have leftovers from last year, please go ahead and use them up.
- Every public library will receive a **shipment of paperback books** from the ICfL, geared toward younger elementary-aged students. These books are funded by a donation from the Scottish Rite Masons of Idaho. Expect shipments mid-May. You can use the books for prizes, outreach, etc. The number of books allotted is based on each library's participation statistics from 2021.
- Promotional posters were sent to every public library in Idaho in mid-March.



News from CSLP

Read the latest Collaborative Summer Library Programs newsletter...

CSLP Child and Community Well-Being Video Series

~By Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio & member of the CCWB committee

The CSLP's Child and Community Well-Being Committee (CCWB) is excited to announce a [new video series](#) about library programming in support of youth mental and physical health. This series was developed to share successful well-being-focused programs and activities that can be replicated, scaled, or adapted to suit other libraries, communities, and situations. Each video is less than 20 minutes, and topics include:

- Youth Mental Health and Libraries (Introduction)
- Support the Well-Being of Young Adults with the Youth Thrive Approach
- The Kindness Project
- Self-Funded Summer Lunches and Positive Outcomes

We are seeking contributions to this new video series! Does your library offer an innovative, replicable, or scalable (or simply inspirational!) program or service that supports youth mental health and well-being? Work with the CCWB to produce a 10–20-minute video about your program and add it to the Child &

Community Well-Being Video Series. If you are interested, contact [Janet Dwyer](#) or CCWB Chair [Linda Bartley](#).

FEATURED:

Read to Me Rendezvous 2022 a Success!

We weren't sure if we would be able to host this event in person this spring, but with safety measures in place and decreased positivity rates in the Treasure Valley, public library staff were able to come together for the first time in two years at an ICfL-sponsored event (though some school library staff were able to attend the School Library Summit in person in July 2021, which was a hybrid event).

Approximately 50 public library staff from libraries as far north as Post Falls, as far south as Preston, as far east as Island Park, and as far west as Caldwell attended the two-day event, March 16 - 17, in Boise.

State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White gave a heartfelt welcome and introduced ICfL staff who are here to support you with an *Ocean of Possibilities* (summer reading theme—hence the hats).



From left: Stephanie Bailey-White, State Librarian; Staci Shaw, Youth Services Consultant; Dylan Baker, Deputy State Librarian; Jeannie Standal, School Library Consultant; Kristina Taylor, Youth Services Projects Coordinator; Tina Schilling, Office Support; Nancy Holt, Office Support; Jennifer Redford, Youth Services Consultant; and Ismael Medina Mendoza, Bilingual Projects Coordinator.

Essentials and Potentials

The theme of the Rendezvous was "Essentials and Potentials," focusing on some of the most important components and of early learning and best practices in the field. Each segment was designed to build upon the previous one, showcasing a practice or idea and then providing attendees time to network and develop possible programs, services, spaces, partnerships, parent workshops, and more.

Our keynote speaker was **Dr. Noreen Womack**, a pediatrician and co-director of Act Early Idaho. Dr. Womack presented on brain development in young children, the importance of early childhood experiences for healthy brain development, and the library's role in supporting parents of young children.

"This was one of the best trainings I have ever attended!"

~Attendee, Post-Event Evaluation

She also showcased the new Developmental Milestones released recently from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and shared how libraries can help with developmental monitoring in the library setting.

Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) Kindergarten Transition Specialist **Heather Lee** presented on Powerful Early Learning Spaces in the library, and Early Learning Educator **Leeanne Noble** presented on low-cost materials and toys that support guided play. Attendees received a copy of each of the following books to take back to the library and share with staff (right):



Loose Parts and Found Materials Left top: Mary Flamino (Meridian Library District). Right top: Presenter Leanne Noble and Sherry Scheline (Donnelly Public Library). Bottom left: Leslie Jimenez (Caldwell Public Library). Bottom right: Emma Ashby (Boise Public Library: Hillcrest), Mackie Welch (Boise Public Library), Erin Kennedy (Boise Public Library: Collister), Jenny Liebig (Meridian Library District: unBound), Rachel Erskine (Meridian Library District)

Other Rendezvous topics included:

- How children develop early math concepts
- Questioning that supports “scaffolding”
- Potential preschool programs and early learning kits
- Evaluation
- Library resources and additional training
- Community partnerships (including a great presentation from Idaho Public Television’s **Trisha Mick** about IPTV resources and partnerships)
- Parent/caregiver workshops (including a presentation on the Ready! for Kindergarten program from Idaho AEYC coordinator **Adrian Amo**)
- Community needs assessments
- Library messaging, staff buy-in, long-term planning, and sustainability
- ICfL programs and grants

Thank you to **Mackie Welch** from the Boise Public Library for bringing a truckload of picture books for us to use for math activities. (We hope you got them all back!)

Thank you to the following Idaho library staff for presenting about their programs, resources, services, and projects: **Alaina Terry and Lara Alex**, Kuna District Library; **Tracie Wood and Kalyne Pincock**, Nampa Public Library; **Amanda Bowden**, Portneuf District Library; **Cindy Bigler**, Gooding District Library; **Mary Flamino**, Meridian District Library; **Bethany Sandberg**, Community Library Network; and for everyone who brought an early learning kit to share, and everyone who shared about their awesome library programs during group or table discussions! We learned so much from you.

And a special thanks to **Sam Mayfield** from IPTV, who filmed all our presentations so that we can offer a virtual track of this great event!

Virtual Track:

We are hoping to have all the video segments and materials ready to engage with on our Niche Academy platform by mid-April for those who have registered. If you’re an Idaho public library staff person and are still interested in registering for this option, contact [Staci Shaw](#).

Continue the discussions:

Let’s keep the conversations going in our monthly LITT chats on early learning in Idaho libraries!

Monday, May 9: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. MT

Topic: K-Ready Programs for Preschoolers (share yours or learn about what other libraries are offering)

Find the Zoom link on our [LITT: Early Learning page](#)



CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

~ by Annie Gaines, ICfL Continuing Education Consultant

Have you heard of the CE Digest newsletter? You can get weekly updates on upcoming free CE opportunities for Idaho library workers by subscribing to the CE Digest newsletter [here](#). For a preview of what the newsletter looks like or more information, visit [this page](#).

ICfL Support for CE

Did you know the ICfL will cover the cost of online continuing education courses or webinars through [InfoPeople](#), [Library Juice](#), and [Amigos](#)? It's true! If there's an online course or webinar from these providers you'd like to take, you can apply for access by completing the corresponding Course Access Request Form accessible from [this page](#). To qualify for future CE funds for online learning, students must complete the follow-up survey and apply to access the course at least 15 days in advance.

Below are a few upcoming online courses that you might be able to squeeze into your very busy schedule!

Foundations of Early Literacy (Library Juice Academy), May 2-29, 2022

This class is based on the research and resources of the Every Child Ready to Read® initiative (from ALA's Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children) and is informed by child development. Through it you will become familiar with early literacy skills (phonological awareness, print awareness, letter knowledge, vocabulary, and background knowledge) and practices (talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing) and how they can be applied to one-on-one interactions with children and their parents and caregivers. In addition, you will learn ways in which library environments can be supportive of staff sharing early literacy information and activities. This Foundations course does not require a background in children's services. We can "lead with early literacy" from any position. This course does not address storytime programs. This course is REQUIRED for the Early Childhood Literacy Certificate.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)

All Work is Team Work (InfoPeople), May 3-30, 2022

The course includes the topics of team member roles, group dynamics, team agreements, and how to make decisions while having all members of the team feel heard. You'll understand the all-too-human reasons why working on teams can be challenging. You'll leave this course with the tools, mindset, and ability to be a more strategic team player, which will also improve the performance of any team you are on in the future.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(InfoPeople\)](#)

How to Teach Online (Amigos Library Services), May 3, 2022

The ability to teach online is moving from an optional or preferred skill to an essential skill. In this course, attendees will learn about the basics of online learning, instructional design fundamentals, how to incorporate interactivity with online attendees, and how to react when the technology fails.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Amigos\)](#)

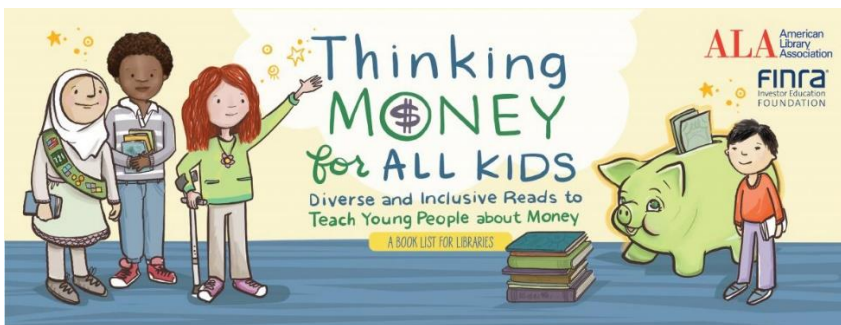
Need a webcam or mic to Zoom?

The ICfL is making virtual conferencing equipment available for library staff in Idaho. Through a simple application, eligible Idaho libraries can receive a webcam and/or headset at no cost. Publicly funded public, school, academic, and special libraries are eligible. The virtual conference kits are for library staff to participate remotely in ICfL-sponsored continuing education activities, trainings, or other virtual learning and collaboration opportunities.

The virtual conference kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis to applicants who can show a need for them. The brief application may be accessed [here](#). If approved, the virtual conference kit will be mailed to the applicant library.

DIVERSITY IN ACTION

Thinking Money for All Kids



ALA, in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation (FINRA Foundation), has released *Thinking Money for All Kids: Diverse and Inclusive Reads to Teach Young People about Money*, a free resource for library workers.

[Available now as a PDF download](#), the guide highlights 40 recommended titles selected by a team of librarian advisors. The guide was developed to eschew stereotypes and embrace diversity in telling stories and sharing skills related to personal finance and financial capability for children.

The guide also includes sections on how to build a diverse financial education collection, program ideas, resources, and tips.

Thinking Money for All Kids: Diverse and Inclusive Reads to Teach Young People about Money introduces books and resources to help young people explore personal values about money, treat people from all socioeconomic backgrounds with dignity and respect, and address the foundational concepts that comprise financial capability.

Books featured in the guide include:

- *A Bike Like Sergio's* by Maribeth Boelts; Published by Candlewick Press
- *Dirt Cheap* by Mark Hoffman; Published by Knopf Books for Young Readers

- *Clever Girl Finance: Learn How Investing Works, Grow Your Money* by Bola Sokunbi; Published by Wiley
- *Tia Isa Wants a Car* by Meg Medina; Published by Candlewick Press
- *The Startup Squad* by Brian Weisfield and Nicole C. Kear; Published by Imprint

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STEAM

Summer STEM Check In

This year, the ICfL awarded 71 Summer STEM grants – more than ever before! Because there are so many new grant recipients, we want to create an opportunity for them to ask any questions or learn more about the grant. An optional virtual check-in meeting for Summer STEM grant recipients will be held on Wednesday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m. MT/2:00 p.m. PD. Can't make it? No problem! We will record this meeting and send out the link when it's done. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday, April 20

Time: 3:00 p.m. MT/2:00 p.m. PT

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85846962106?pwd=dXpsKzlzcjdXb0EwdWQ0aVp3ZUVVQQT09>

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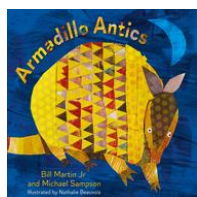
Some upcoming releases from favorite authors

*Reviews: Booklist (B); Horn (H); Kirkus (K); Publisher's Weekly (PW); School Library Journal (SLJ)

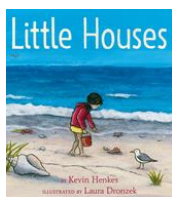
Picture Books:



The Blur, by Minh Lê (May 3). A picture book about a baby with superhero-like abilities ... and the parents who are racing to keep up with her.

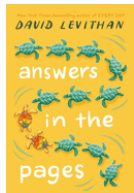


Armadillo Antics, by Bill Martin, Jr. (April 26). Children will love the rhythm and rhyme that are hallmarks of the beloved author duo of *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3* as they follow the adventurous armadillo through nighttime fun as dawn approaches. *PW



Little Houses, by Kevin Henkes (May 10). From award-winning and bestselling author Kevin Henkes and the acclaimed painter Laura Dronzek, *Little Houses* is about nature, family, wonder, and the ocean. The lyrical writing and stunning paintings make this a great choice for family sharing and for storytimes all year round.

Middle Grade:



Answers in the Pages, by David Levithan (May 10). A bold, timely novel about speaking up and coming out as parents lobby to ban a beloved book from the school curriculum.



Alex Austen Lived Here, by Alex Gino (June 7). From the award-winning author of *George*, a phenomenal novel about queerness past, present, and future. *B, PW



Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game, by Chris Grabenstein (May 3). Before Mr. Lemoncello became everyone's favorite game maker, he was a kid who liked to roll the dice.



My Own Lightning, Lauren Wolk (May 3). Bestselling author Lauren Wolk returns to the world of Wolf Hollow in this sequel to her beloved, Newbery Honor-winning debut. *PW

Young Adult



Bravely, by Maggie Stiefvater (May 3). What if you had one year to save everything you loved?



Family of Liars, by E. Lockhart (May 3). The thrilling prequel to the TikTok phenomenon and #1 *New York Times* bestseller *We Were Liars* takes readers back to the story of another summer, another generation, and the secrets that will haunt them for decades to come.



Private Label, by Kelly Yang (May 31). *The Devil Wears Prada* meets *Far from the Tree* in bestselling author Kelly Yang's powerful love story about two teens searching for their place in the world.

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